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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted. Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the communication from the International Searching Authority citing the enclosed references.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(4), Applicant believes that no fee is due since this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is submitted before the mailing of the first Office Action.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 03-1721**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4042.

Respectfully submitted,

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